Chapter 3 from How Charts Lie & Storytelling with data

From the textbook of Storytelling with data, I felt that charts is another type of art that made by people. Charts are contained a lot of information and might bring different perspective or ideas from many people like arts. For example, although we all have same dataset with same x axis and y axis, all people will make the charts in their own ways and there are no right or wrong. While I was reading the book, I like every single bar chart that showed as example. Although all charts had different style, it contained all same information. I thought it is important to which thing would you planned to show on the chart.

I have a question about contents in How charts Lie. From many chapters, and video kept highlighted that charts should not highlight something that they want to say. For example, charts that provided by member of congress. I believe, chart is the tool to express and visualization tool for supporting my word and thoughts. To support my thoughts, I must make chart that highlight things that can support mine. I am not saying that cheating, editing, hiding something, changing data based on my taste is right things to do, however I think it would be okay to show the charts or graphs as it is but highlight the contents that I want to highlights. From Figure 3.4n in Storytelling with data, As I draw the straight line on chart, it is much easier to highlight the peak that above goal line which means that I highlight something to support my thoughts without changing, editing, and hiding.

Other question while reading how charts lie, writer look carefully name of bands at metal dataset and he had deep knowledge of metal. He said the creator of chart were used correct data only with “real” metal bands. However, I am curious that how could you judge which bands are “real” metal bands. I thought it could be very personal standard to approach on these datasets and he mentioned his nationality to support his judgement “:I am from Poland where is the origin of Metal.”

I liked writer’s thought about “The World Will be a much better place if we all begin curbing out sharing impulses a bit more often.” Too many information, knowledge were sharing nowadays and a lot of fake, or incorrect information were also sharing as the true.